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S'PORE WWE SUPERSTAR KURT TAY SENTENCED TO JAIL, DISTRIBUTED ILLEGAL CONTENT

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A 43-year-old Singaporean man, widely known online as Kurt Tay, has been sentenced to 14 months and 10 days' imprisonment after admitting to distributing intimate images and recordings of a woman without her consent via Telegram. The court heard that the material was shared multiple times within a group chat, leading to significant distress for the victim, who is protected under a gag order.

The case dates back to October 2023, when the accused allegedly circulated sexual content involving the woman in a Telegram group consisting of more than 200 members. Prosecutors stated that the victim was clearly identifiable in the footage, and the repeated dissemination increased the severity of harm caused. In addition to the distribution offence, he also faced charges under Singapore's Protection from Harassment Act for sending threatening messages in the same period.

During court proceedings, the prosecution argued that the accused acted with malice and intent to humiliate the victim. They highlighted that the content was shared repeatedly and left accessible in the group chat, making it highly likely to be forwarded beyond the original audience. The prosecution sought a 16-month jail term, citing established sentencing frameworks for non-consensual distribution of intimate images.

COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON INTENT AND HARM

The defence, however, contested the severity of the case, arguing that the video involved was of low resolution and short duration. They also claimed the context of the relationship between both parties was complex, suggesting the accused acted out of anger and emotional distress rather than premeditated intent. The defence further stated that there was no financial or personal gain involved and requested a lighter sentence of 10 months.

The court examined arguments from both sides, including whether the Telegram group functioned as a fan-based community and the risk of further circulation beyond the chat. The judge noted that even within closed messaging groups, there remains a clear risk of uncontrolled redistribution, which can amplify harm to victims in cases involving private sexual material.

JUDGEMENT AND SENTENCING OUTCOME

District Judge Lee Lit Cheng ultimately found that the accused acted with malicious intent and that the victim suffered real harm due to the exposure of the material. In delivering the sentence, the court imposed 14 months and 10 days' jail time along with a S$3,000 fine. As the fine was not paid, an additional 10-day custodial term will be served in lieu.

The judge emphasised that Singapore takes a firm stance against the non-consensual sharing of intimate content, particularly on digital platforms such as Telegram, where information can be rapidly and uncontrollably disseminated. The sentence reflects the seriousness of offences involving digital privacy violations, harassment, and the misuse of messaging applications.

The accused is expected to begin serving his sentence immediately, marking the conclusion of a case that has drawn public attention due to its online nature and the prominence of the individual involved.

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